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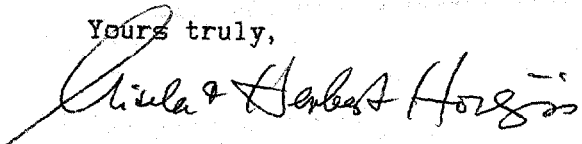
Re: Genetically Engineered Food - Food Safety

With reference to your hearings on genetically engineered foods, none of which we were able to attend, our comments are that it is imperative that the FDA, as the regulating agency for food safety, does the following:

- a) Institute thorough testing of any food item of genetically engineered food BEFORE it goes to market, as you would with any and all other food and medicine;
- b) You MUST withdraw all those genetically engineered items already on the market and have them subjected to testing and safety assessment, at the same time putting a stop to further approvals of any of those food items;
- c) The voluntary program by the companies who want to market genetically engineered foodstuffs DOES NOT WORK as it is a conflict of interest for these companies advising the FDA their products are "safe". Therefore, the FDA has to give any genetically engineered food item the same "due process" as all of the other items it regulates via long-term protocols to assess risks, such as toxicity, nutritional changes and allergic reactions.
- d) All products marketed with genetically engineered foodstuffs MUST CARRY LABELING TO THAT EXTENT, just like IRRADIATED foods should carry such labeling.
- e) The public must be involved in the review process as all of us are the consumers of any and all foodstuffs which may have one or more genetically engineered ingredients in it.
- f) The same, i.e. a) to e), applies to all IMPORTED food items too.


You are a PUBLIC agency; therefore, listen to this public!

Yours truly,


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